

**CIRCUIT COURT FOR WORCESTER COUNTY
POLICY REGARDING CELL PHONES;
OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES; CAMERAS
(REFER TO MD RULE 16-110)**

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ALLOWED TO BRING CELL PHONES OR OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES INTO THE COURTHOUSE FOR THE PURPOSE OF SENDING AND RECEIVING TELEPHONE CALLS AND/OR ELECTRONIC MESSAGES, SUBJECT TO SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FROM COURT PERSONNEL DIRECTING OTHERWISE.

- **USE OF THE DEVICE SHALL NOT DISTURB COURT PROCEEDINGS.**
- **DEVICES SHALL BE TURNED OFF WHEN INSIDE A COURTROOM AND IN THE CORRIDORS OF THE COURTHOUSE.**
- **DEVICES ARE NOT ALLOWED INSIDE THE JURY DELIBERATION ROOMS.**
- **DEVICES ARE NOT ALLOWED TO TAKE OR RECORD A PHOTOGRAPH, VIDEO, OR OTHER VISUAL IMAGE IN A COURT FACILITY, OR TRANSMIT A PHOTOGRAPH, VIDEO, OR OTHER VISUAL IMAGE FROM OR WITHIN A COURT FACILITY. (EXCLUDING MARRIAGE CEREMONIES, ADOPTIONS, AND HISTORICAL RECORD SEARCHES WITH PRIOR PERMISSION)**
- **ANY PERSON FOUND IN VIOLATION OF THE ABOVE RESTRICTIONS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO:**
 - **(1) CONFISCATION OF THE DEVICE;**
 - **(2) FINE; OR**
 - **(3) INCARCERATION,**

AT THE DISCRETION OF A PRESIDING JUDGE OF THIS COURT.

**Hon. Thomas C. Groton, III
Administrative Judge
January 1, 2011**